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C O N F I D E N T I A L HAVANA 1579

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TAGS: PDEV MILI ET CU YS
SUBJ: VISIT OF PDRY FOREIGN MINISTER TO CUBA

REF: HAVANA 1550

1 PDRY FOREIGN MINISTER MOHAMED SALEH MUTEA DEPARTED HAVANA,
JUNE 9, AFTER ONLY ONE AND ONE-HALF DAYS OF BUSINESS HERE.
AS OF MONDAY, JUNE 12, NO COMMUNIQUE HAS BEEN ISSUED. MUTEA'S
PRINCIPAL SUBSTANTIVE ACTIVITY WAS MEETING WITH FIDEL CASTRO,
THIRD WORLD ADVISOR OSMANY CIENFUEGOS, AND FOREIGN MINISTER
ISIDORO MALMIERCA, JUNE 9. CONTENTS OF MEETING ARE NOT YET
KNOWN.

2. ETHIOPIAN AMBASSADOR,WHO FOR FIRST TIME AGREED TO EXCHANGE
A FEW SUBSTANTIVE COMMENTS WITH ACTING USINT CHIEF, JUNE 9,
SAID THAT MUTEA HAD DENIED TO HIM THAT PDRY IS PLANNING TO
WITHDRAW ITS TROOPS FROM ETHIOPIA. (COMMENT: THERE RUMORS
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CIRCULATING ON DIPLOMATIC CIRCLE HERE, POSSIBLY BASED ON
ITALIAN REPORTING FROM BAGHDAD, THAT IRAQIS ARE PRESSING
THEIR PDRY CLIENTS TO CEASE PROVIDING SUPPORT WHICH ALLOWS
ETHIOPIANS TO PUT PRESSURE ON ERITREANS. FOR WHAT IT IS
WORTH, IRAQI AMBASSADOR WAS OBSERVED HAVING GRIM EXCHANGE
WITH ETHIOPIAN AMBASSADOR, JUNE 9.)

3. COMENT: IT IS NOT YET CLEAR WHETHER PDRY FOREIGN
MINISTER TOUCHED ON ERITREAN NEGOTIATING OPTIONS.BUT
BOTH ABBREVIATED NATURE OF VISIT AND FACT THAT GENERALLY
UNIFORMED PDRY AMBASSADOR HERE PARTICIPATED IN CASTRO
MEETING SUGGEST THAT VISIT MAY HAVE HAD MORE OF A COURTESY,
THAN A SUBSTANTIVE, NATURE.
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